

Interview Summary	Application No. 10/005,178	Applicant(s) SPENCE ET AL.	
	Examiner Alison K. Pickard	Art Unit 3676	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Alison K. Pickard. (3) _____

(2) Patrick Hilsmier. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 22 September 2004.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: all of record, esp. 24-33.

Identification of prior art discussed: prior art of record, esp. Pyre and Sumida.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant presented arguments as to why it would not have been obvious to modify Sumida with the dimensions in Pyre. Specifically, applicant argued that it is combination of all the characteristics (i.e. not just the dimensions) that create the improved sealing in Pyre, thus there is no motivation to selectively choose just the dimensional ratios. The examiner did not agree, but will give further consideration to this argument after re-reading the art (e.g. Pyre).

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required